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LETTER DATED 14 FEBRUARY 1992 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL

It is an honour to transmit to you resolution CP/RES.576 (887/92) on support for the democratic Government of Venezuela, which was approved by the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States (OAS) at its special session held on 4 February 1992.

Resolution CP/RES.576 expresses the energetic condemnation, on the part of the American States, of the military uprising against the democratic Government of Venezuela. In expressing its support for the President of Venezuela, the Permanent Council also reiterates that "there is no longer any room in the hemisphere for regimes based on force".

The Chairman of the Permanent Council transmitted the Permanent Council's resolution to the President of Venezuela, in Caracas, and conveyed assurances of democratic solidarity on behalf of the OAS member States. I attended the meeting with President Pérez in Caracas.

(Signed) Joao Clemente BAENA SOARES

Annex

CP/RES.576 (887/92)

SUPPORT FOR THE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA

THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES,

MINDFUL that widespread existence of democratic Governments guarantees effective application of the principle set forth in the Charter of the Organization of American States that the solidarity of the member States and the high aims which are sought thereby require the political organization of those States on the basis of the effective exercise of representative democracy;

REAFFIRMING the Santiago commitment to democracy and reinvigoration of the inter-American system, adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-first regular session, and

IN VIEW OF the events that took place early this morning, which constitute an attempted coup d'état to overthrow the legitimately established Government and assassinate the chief of State,

RESOLVES:

1. To vigorously condemn the armed uprising against the democratic Government of President Carlos Andrés Pérez and the criminal attempt against the life of the chief of State;
2. To express its repudiation of the sectors that sought to usurp by force the popular sovereignty and democratic will of the Venezuelan people as repeatedly expressed in regular, ongoing electoral processes that have established a solid democratic tradition;
3. To express its resolute and unconditional support for President Carlos Andrés Pérez and to congratulate the people of Venezuela for their vigorous reaction against this deplorable attempt to deflect it from its constitutional course;
4. To reiterate the decision of the Governments of the member States to abide by and strengthen the principle of democratic solidarity and to take joint action keeping with the Charter of the Organization of American States and the Santiago commitment, and to reaffirm that there is no longer any room in the hemisphere for regimes based on force;
5. To instruct the Chairman of the Permanent Council to transmit this resolution to the Government of the Republic of Venezuela.
